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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/802,536	Applicant(s) CLARK, ALAN DOUGLAS	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 June 2005.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) 11-20 is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 21 and 22 is/are rejected.
7) ☒ Claim(s) 3-10, and 23-30 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Prosecution Reopened on Allowable Subject Matter

1. The indicated allowability of claims 1-30 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Nils Olof Johannesson. Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102(b) that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1-2, and 21-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Nils Olof Johannesson (The ETSI Computation Model: A tool for transmission planning of telephone networks, IEEE Comms-IDS record), hereinafter referred to as Johannesson.

Regarding claim 1, Johannesson discloses the E model for evaluating communication quality in telephone networks. Figures 3-4-page 74 illustrate GOB, POW, TME, and MOS used to produce the reference impairment as a function of factor R in the E-model.

during more than one interval of a single call determining the level of one or more impairments (The E model combines the effect of the various transmission parameters into a rating factor R, from which user reaction for a call under more than one interval assumption can be predicted. The rating factor R includes I_s , I_d , and I_e , which are

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impairment factors, i.e., the values corresponding to codec impairment and expectation factor are shown in tables 1-2, and figures 3-4, pages 73-74, see also Equation (1)-page 72),

during more than one interval of that same single call determining the effect of said one or more impairments on the estimated subjective quality of said multimedia signal (the E-model can be used to evaluate or to estimate the effects of impairment on the speech communication quality or subjective quality, see page 71-right col. and page 74).

Regarding claim 2, in Johannesson the impairments are selected from the group consisting of delay, noise, etc, see page 72-73.

Regarding claims 21-22, these claims have similar limitations as claims 1-2. Therefore, they are rejected under Johannesson for the same reasons set forth in the rejection of claims 1-2, respectively.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 11-20 are allowed.
5. Claims 3-10, and 23-30 are objected to as being independent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Duc Ho whose telephone number is (571) 272-3147.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.

If attempt to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Huy Vu, can be reached on (571) 272-3155.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Patent Examiner



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